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Letter dated 6 May 1993 from the Permanent Representative of Turkey to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit herewith a statement issued on 6 May 1993 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey on the situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina (see annex).

I would be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly, under agenda item 143, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Inal BATU
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

ANNEX

Statement issued on 6 May 1993 by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Turkey

Yesterday the illegitimate Serbian Parliament in Bosnia and Herzegovina did not endorse the Vance-Owen peace plan, which it had actually rejected twice before, and chose to resort to further delaying tactics by seeking a referendum. This has revealed once again what kind of measures the international community must take to stop the Serbian aggression and genocide in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The démarches and contacts made by the Turkish government within the international community and international organizations in this regard are well known. Turkey, mindful that the Bosnian people have been paying a terrible price for the vacillation and indecisiveness of the international community for more than a year, emphasizes that the international community must act urgently to stop the "ethnic cleansing" if it does not want to be an accomplice to acts of genocide.

Concerned over the possibility of the aggression spreading further, Turkey is convinced that economic sanctions are not sufficient to respond to the atrocities of such magnitude. Turkey therefore demands that more effective measures should be taken now.

We hope that this time the international community will demonstrate its determination and shoulder its duties and responsibilities. On its part, Turkey is prepared to carry out its responsibilities and shall continue to contribute to this end.